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TAGS: EAIR, FR, UK, US

SUBJ: CIVAIR: CONCORDE

1. WE ARE INTRIGUED BY TWO AFP REPORTS FILED  
UNDER NEW YORK DATELINE MARCH 22 AND BOTH REPORTING  
REMARKS MADE BY GOV. CAREY DURING PRESS CONFERENCE  
THE PREVIOUS DAY AT ALBANY. IN THE FIRST STORY  
CAREY WAS REPORTED AS REAFFIRMING HIS OPPOSITION TO  
CONCORDE, EVEN TO THE POINT OF RULING OUT THE  
POSSIBILITY OF A SERIES OF EXPERIMENTAL FLIGHTS TO  
MEASURE CONCORDE NOISE LEVEL AT JFK. SEVEN HOURS  
LATER AFP RAN ITS SECOND STORY, REPORTING THAT  
CAREY SAID THERE WAS A "POSSIBILITY" CONCORDE  
COULD BE AUTHORIZED TO LAND AT JFK. CAREY  
IS REPORTED AS FURTHER SAYING THAT THE PORT  
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AUTHORITY WAS STUDYING WITH INTEREST NEW  
PROPOSALS WHICH THE FRENCH AND BRITISH HAD SUPPLIED,  
AND HE ADDED THAT ANY FURTHER STATEMENT WOULD BE  
PREMATURE BEFORE THE NEW PROPOSALS HAD BEEN  
STUDIED. HE DID GO ON TO SAY, HOWEVER, ACCORDING  
TO AFP, THAT EFFORTS WOULD CONTINUE TO PREVENT  
AN INCREASE AND INSTEAD SEEK TO DECREASE NOISE

AT JFK, WITH THE RESULT THAT ALL AIRCRAFT WOULD HAVE TO RESPECT REASONABLE NOISE STANDARDS.

2. NEITHER OF THE AFP REPORTS HAS THUS FAR RECEIVED MUCH ATTENTION FROM FRENCH MEDIA. FRENCH NATIONAL RADIO MADE BRIEF MENTION OF EACH REPORT ON ITS NEWSCASTS ON TWO SUCCESSIVE MORNINGS, BUT EUROPE NO. ONE RADIO SAID NOTHING. LE FIGARO OF MARCH 23 DOESN'T REPORT THE CAREY REMARKS, WHILE LES ECHOS DEVOTED NO MORE THAN A FEW LINES TO ONLY THE FIRST OF THE TWO AFP REPORTS.

3. NEW PROPOSALS TO WHICH CAREY REFERRED ARE OF COURSE THOSE MADE BY GOODELL ON MARCH 7 AND ELABORATED ON BY FRENCH/BRITISH AT FIRST ROUND OF "TECHNICAL TALKS" WITH PORT AUTHORITY STAFF ON MARCH 9. WE UNDERSTAND THAT AT MARCH 9 MEETING PORT AUTHORITY STAFF SIGNIFIED READINESS EXAMINE MORE DETAILED SUPPORTING DATA WHICH FRENCH/BRITISH UNDERTOOK TO PROVIDE, AND THAT FRENCH/BRITISH ARE THINKING OF PROPOSING SECOND ROUND OF "TECHNICAL TALKS" WITH PORT AUTHORITY STAFF PERHAPS NEXT WEEK.

4. GOLDBERG OF DGAC INTERNATIONAL, WHO IS IN PARIS FOR TALKS WITH THE FRENCH AND CALLED AT EMBASSY MARCH 23, TOLD US THAT AIM WOULD BE TO TRY TO WRAP UP TECHNICAL DISCUSSIONS AT THIS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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NEXT MEETING, THOUGH FRENCH AND BRITISH EXPERTS WOULD BE AVAILABLE RETURN TO NEW YORK TO ANSWER ANY FURTHER QUESTIONS THEREAFTER THAT MIGHT OCCUR TO THE PORT AUTHORITY. THE HOPE, HE SAID, WAS THAT PORT AUTHORITY STAFF COULD FACTOR THIS NEW INFORMATION INTO ITS RECOMMENDATIONS ENABLING BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO TAKE THEIR DECISION ON CONCORDE AT THEIR APRIL 14 MEETING. WE QUESTIONED WHETHER THIS TIMETABLE WAS REALISTIC AND GOLDBERG WAS FORCED AGREE IT WOULD INDEED BE RATHER TIGHT. WE NOTED THAT EVEN IF SECOND TECHNICAL MEETING WAS HELD AS SOON AS NEXT WEEK IT WOULD HAVE TAKEN FRENCH AND BRITISH THREE WEEKS TO WORK UP THEIR ADDITIONAL DATA, WHICH THEY COULD HARDLY EXPECT PORT AUTHORITY STAFF TO DIGEST AND FACTOR INTO ITS CONCLUSIONS WITHOUT CAREFUL STUDY IN TURN. WE NOTED CONTINUING CONFUSION, FOR EXAMPLE, OVER JUST WHAT FRENCH AND BRITISH HAD IN MIND RE SUGGESTED TAKEOFFS FROM

JFK AT GROSS WEIGHTS SIGNIFICANTLY UNDER THE  
MAXIMUM, ON WHICH WE HAD RECEIVED WHAT SEEMED TO  
US TO BE RATHER CONFLICTING REPORTS. (HOPEFULLY  
THESE WILL BE CLARIFIED WHEN WE MEET ON MARCH 25

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WITH LAGORCE OF DGAC, WHO IS ON FRENCH TEAM FOR  
TECHNICAL TALKS.) WHEN ALL WAS SAID AND DONE,  
GOLDBERG WAS UNABLE TO ESTIMATE HOW LONG THE  
TECHNICAL TALKS COULD CONCEIVABLY DRAG ON.

5. IT LOOKS TO US, THEREFORE, BARRING ANY NEW  
DEVELOPMENTS THAT COULD RADICALLY ALTER THE  
SITUATION, THAT CHANCES ARE BETTER THAN  
EVEN THAT PORT AUTHORITY DECISION IS UNLIKELY  
BEFORE MAY. WE WOULD HOPE THERE WOULD BE NO  
FURTHER SLIPPAGE, SINCE DECISION BY PORT  
AUTHORITY AT ITS NORMAL MEETING THE SECOND  
THURSDAY OF EVERY MONTH WOULD IN JUNE OCCUR

ON JUNE 9, SMACK IN THE MIDDLE OF THE  
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PARIS AIR SHOW. WHILE SLIPPAGE TO JULY  
SEEMS MOST UNLIKELY, A DECISION THAT MONTH WOULD  
OCCUR ON JULY 14, THE FRENCH NATIONAL HOLIDAY.  
ENOUGH SAID.

6. ACTION REQUESTED: (A) WE WOULD  
APPRECIATE CLARIFICATION OF WHAT GOV. CAREY  
ACTUALLY SAID AT HIS PRESS CONFERENCE AND ESTIMATE  
OF WHETHER ANY CHANGE CAN BE DISCERNED IN HIS  
POSITION. (B) WE WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE  
HAVING THE DEPARTMENT'S READING OF HOW THE  
TIMETABLE MAY SHAPE UP FOR THE PORT  
AUTHORITY'S DECISION.  
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